



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2020

### A SHORT MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA!

I can't believe we have been in school for two weeks! Time is flying by. Again, another fabulous week in all classes. Across school, I have seen some great Maths on place value; Y5 preparing for their first Holy Communion with Mrs Russell; artwork linked to RE topics and lots of English work based around the class books - The Iron Man, The Lost Thing and The Arrival. We are all so proud of how well all of the children are settling down to their work and trying really hard - well done.

This week we welcomed Reception to our school community. They were all truly brilliant; waving goodbye at the gate and straight into school to play. I heard lots of laughter and saw bubbles been chased in the playground. Everyone played beautifully. They finished their session with lunch in the school hall and were absolutely amazing. **Well done Reception - we can't wait to see you all next week.**

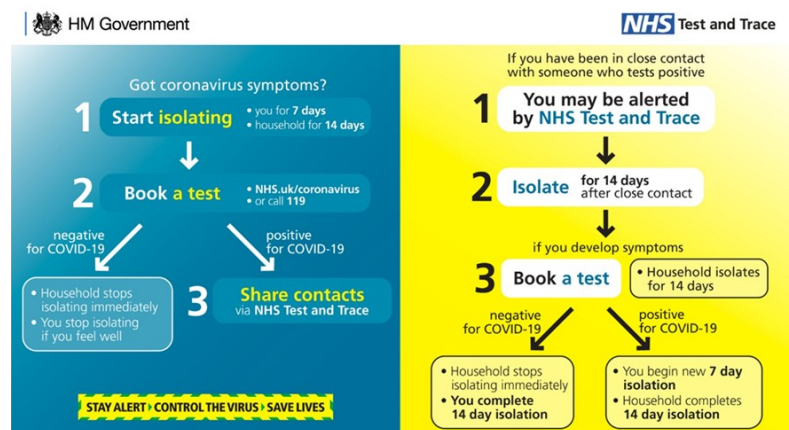
Talking to all the classes this morning about their weekend, I know many have lots of lovely activities planned - many visiting family; going on bike rides and walks and some just chilling at home. Have a good rest ready for a new week.

### REMINDER - CORONAVIRUS

**It is vital that pick up/drop times are strictly adhered to and that parents and carers leave the school site promptly after drop-off and pick-up.**

The government guidance also asks us to remind parents not to gather at the school gates and that coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. Thank you to those who social distance whilst waiting for your children.

We have attached an image with this week's newsletter (see image) which is a simple flowchart to explain what to do if you suspect you have coronavirus, or if you have come into contact with somebody who has coronavirus. As always, you can contact the school office for guidance. Thank you!



### WE ARE BRINGING BACK AWARDS

After a successful trial Collective Worship via Zoom, we have decided to reinstate our weekly collective worship on a Friday. It is a very different way of coming together as a school community, but we continue to adapt in our new school life.

Going forward, we will bring back our celebration awards. Each week, a child will be awarded the Sunshine Award. We will continue to rotate our Maths/English/RE/Virtues awards as usual.

If your child is selected to receive an award, an email will be sent on Thursday with an invite for you to join us on Zoom during the Friday assembly. Please do not share this invite and password with the wider community.

## CONGRATULATIONS MISS CHAPPEL

Belated congratulations to Miss Chappel and all her partner on the safe arrival of their baby boy on 21st July.

They have chosen the beautiful name Albie and he weighed a very healthy 7lb 11oz.

As you can see, mum and baby are very happy and enjoying spending time together.

We wish all the family well during this special time!



## MUSIC CHAMPIONS

We are proud to announce that we have been nominated as a LMEP Music Champion School.

They commented, "We were very impressed with the range of musical experiences and opportunities you provide for your students both in and outside of school, and are pleased with the level of engagement you have with LMEP as a hub."

A huge thank you to Mrs Shakespeare for all her hard work in encouraging musical skill in each class.



## MUSIC LESSONS

In Y3-Y6, children are invited to take part in small group music tuition for a particular instrument. An email was sent earlier this week detailing how to sign up for lessons.

If your child is interested in a musical instrument, please complete the short form (one submission per pupil) - [here](#)

If your child had lessons last year and would like to continue, you must still complete the form.

Please contact [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org) for more information



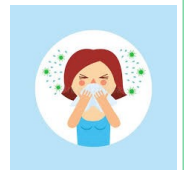
## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=139355&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)



## PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 1st October to take the children's individual photographs. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to allow photos with siblings this year.



## BANANA AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to severe allergies, St Joseph's is a banana and nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a banana or nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

### BREAK TIME SNACKS

Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.



Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



## DINNER MONEY

Please make sure that you are up to date with your child's dinner money on Parent Pay.

We do ask that you do not let the balance go over 2 weeks so that we can manage our accounts efficiently.

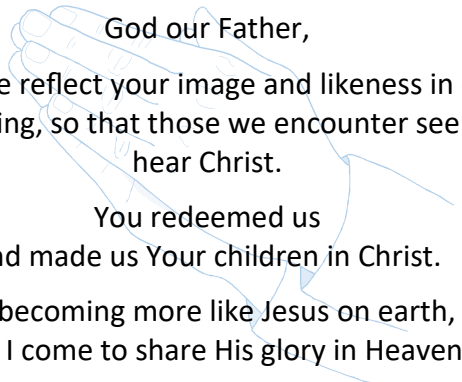
Please do not hesitate to chat to the Office Staff if you are having any issues with Parent Pay.

Reminder - we need 2 weeks notice to change from Packed Lunches to School Meals and vice-versa.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



God our Father,  
May we reflect your image and likeness in our daily living, so that those we encounter see and hear Christ.

You redeemed us  
and made us Your children in Christ.  
By becoming more like Jesus on earth,  
may I come to share His glory in Heaven.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Mass will be celebrated:  
Wednesdays 10.00am  
Saturday 6.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am

*Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times for week beginning Monday 31st August.*

The daily Mass schedule will resume on 21st September 2020

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, the children have been thinking about respect and courtesy which is our virtue for the start of this half term. This week, the children heard some of the Creation Story from the book of Genesis focusing on that we are made in the image of God so that we are all special so should treat everyone with respect and courtesy.

Also as part of our Collective Worship, we thought about Home Mission which is normally remembered in September. The children listened to the mission of the disciples and thought about how we can spread the message of God's love to the people around us.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for all of the people who have told us about your love and have shown us your love. Help us to carry on the disciples' mission by being an example to others by using loving words and actions.*

*We pray for those people who do not know or understand about God.*

*Help them to feel His love and care. Amen.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Children in Year 5 have been completing their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion over the next few weeks.

**Please can all children remember to bring their Communion books in on Monday 21st September having completed session 5 at home.**

More information will be given to the children next week regarding the celebration Masses.

## CONFIRMATION

Information about the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given out in the next couple of weeks.

*As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.*



# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week, the children have had a busy and exciting week settling into school! Mrs Hart and I are so pleased with how well they have come in and we're very excited for them to start properly next week. We would like to thank the Dunning family for the lovely contribution of the dolls house, the children have loved playing with it this week.

Could we please remind parents to label all uniform and to ensure your child comes to school with a labelled water bottle. Thank you!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have come to school once again this week with their fantastic 'can do' attitudes. They have worked so hard and have adapted easily to the more formalised structure of Y1.

In Maths this week, we have been practising our number formation. We have learnt some fabulous techniques to help us remember how to form each number. One of our favourites was: Half a heart, says I love you, add a line now I've made 2! We also practised sorting objects into groups.

During our RE lesson, we thought about our wonderful world. We enjoyed lying on the grass in the glorious sunshine and pondered just how God had created all the beautiful things in our world. We wrote prayers thanking God.

In English, we listened to a story about Sunny the Meerkat. We wrote sentences describing the different things that Sunny liked doing in his family of meerkats.

We created beautiful pictures in art which reflected our understanding of how the seasons change.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have been focusing on the book 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. We have been exploring all the different types of wolves that are in story books. This has led us to look at the features of fiction and non-fiction books.

We have started our topic in Geography this week which is all about Continents and Oceans. In our first lesson we talked about which hemisphere, continent, country, county, city and town/village we live in the world.

Our unit in Maths at the beginning of this term is place value. This week we have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 100 using tens and ones. We can now recognise how many tens and ones are in numbers up to 100 and we can also write them in numerals and words.

In RE this week, we have been looking at ourselves as God's chosen people. We have been talking about what gifts God gave us and what gifts we can give to others.





## YEAR 3 NEWS

We have had some amazing work in Year 3 this week! In English, we have started to look at the story of "The First Drawing" and used language including cause and effect conjunctions, modal verbs and irregular plurals. The children wrote diary entries from the perspective of a Stone Age boy and greatly impressed Miss Armitage with their writing stamina.

In Maths, we are focusing on place value and have been consolidating our knowledge of tens and ones, as well as introducing hundreds. The children enjoyed using their maths packs to show numbers in different ways, especially Base 10.

In RE, we have thought about our topic on the Christian Family. We talked about belonging to different families, and how it feels to be part of God's family. The children all suggested ways to support their families at home and school, as well as in the parish and local community.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have settled back into school life extremely well and Mrs Holmes is very proud of them.

They have all been working hard in all areas. We have started our class text 'The Iron Man' this week and have written some amazing character description of the Iron giant.

In Maths, we have been continuing our understanding of number and place value. We have been learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and nearest 100 and counting in thousands.

As part of our RE work, we have been developing our skills in locating passages in the Bible by finding the correct book, chapter and verse. We have also reflected how the Bible helps people brings them closer to God.

As well as all this, we have even managed to paint some pictures of events and stories from the Bible.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

Mrs Russell and I continue to be impressed with the children in Year 5 - they are working hard, remembering all the routines and are a pleasure to teach.

In English, we have continued our work on the film, "The Lost Thing". This week, the children have written letters offering advice whilst trying to use the subjunctive mood (a formal way of talking about the future) and they've also written explanations about the "Lost Thing" using modal verbs and subordinate clauses.

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value looking at numbers to 10, 000 and rounding numbers.

In RE, we have started our topic of Creation and have created artwork to show the World being created in 7 days.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

We have had a brilliant two weeks in Year 6! It has been wonderful having all the children back in school and hearing all about their lockdown experience.

In Maths, we've explored place value through looking at numbers to 10 million. We rounded any numbers, compared numbers and began to look at negative number. In addition, we started looking at various arithmetic questions; focusing on mental methods as well as formal calculations.

During our English lessons, we began to look at our non-narrative book, "The Arrival". We used images from the text to help us infer the events at the beginning of the book. We have worked so hard to include more complex sentences in our writing.

In RE, we started to look at our topic "Called to Serve". We began by discussing what it means to serve Jesus and others. We reflected on our invitation to serve and thought about ways in which we are a disciple.

